

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of provisioning a user interface to a device, the method comprising the steps of
 - a) creating a container, the container comprising:
 - executable code for ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface;
 - one or more content resources for use in the user interface; and
 - metadata relating to the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources, the executable code, the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources and the metadata being stored as ~~serialised~~ serialized objects within the container;
 - b) transmitting the container to one or more devices;
 - c) extracting the contents of the container at the one or ~~each device~~ more devices; and
 - d) executing the code to generate a user interface for the ~~device~~ one or more devices.
2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the metadata comprise data determining access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources to prevent ~~unauthorised~~ unauthorized access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources during step (a).
3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein if during step a) the executable code and/or ~~[[a]]~~ one or more content ~~resource~~ resources is altered, the metadata is updated accordingly.
4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein~~[[,]]~~ the metadata relating to the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content resources relates to one or more hierarchical ~~classifications~~ classification(s), the hierarchical classification(s) relating to the capabilities of ~~[[a]]~~ the device.
5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

e) processing the container contents into a format for transmission to ~~[[a]]~~ the device, step
e) being performed subsequent to step a) and prior to step b).

6. (Currently Amended) A server for provisioning a user interface to one or more devices, the server comprising:

storage means to receive a data container;

editing means to enable the data container to be edited, ~~in use~~ the data container comprising executable code for ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface; one or more content resources for use in the user interface; and metadata relating to the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources, the executable code, the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources and the metadata being stored as ~~serialised~~ serialized objects within the data container; and

transmission means for transmitting a data container to one or more devices.

7. (Currently Amended) A server according to claim 6, wherein the server further comprises a processing means ~~configure~~ configured, in use, to process ~~[[a]]~~ the data container prior to transmission of ~~[[a]]~~ the data container to one or more devices.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a user interface in a device, the method comprising the steps of:

a) receiving at ~~[[a]]~~ the device a container over a communications network, the container comprising: executable code for ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface; one or more content resources for use in the user interface; and metadata relating to the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources, the executable code, the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources and the metadata being stored as ~~serialised~~ serialized objects within the container;

b) extracting the contents of the container at the device; and

c) executing the code to generate a user interface for the device.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the metadata comprises data determining access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~

resources to control access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources during step (b).

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, wherein the access-determining metadata can be updated in response to receiving a control message from the communications network.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A device comprising a display, a user interface, storage means, processing means and a communication interface, the device being configured, in use, to receive a data container from a communications network via the communications interface;

store the data container in the storage means;

process the data container using the processing means to extract the contents of the data container, the data container comprising executable code for ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface; one or more content resources for use in the user interface; and metadata relating to the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources, the executable code, the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources and the metadata being stored as ~~serialised~~ serialized objects within the data container;

form the user interface in accordance with the extracted contents of the data container;
and

display the user interface in the device display.

14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 13, wherein the metadata stored in the storage means comprises data determining access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources to control access to the executable code and/or the one or ~~[[each]]~~ more content ~~resource~~ resources.

15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 14, wherein the device is further configured, in use, to receive control commands from the communications network via the communications interface, the control commands updating the metadata that determines access to the executable code and/or the one or more content ~~resource(s)~~ resources.

16. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the metadata is updated in an update packet defined as a binary serialization of an XML schema.
17. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein if during step a) the executable code and/or one or more content resources is altered, the metadata is updated accordingly.
18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein the metadata is updated in an update packet defined as a binary serialization of an XML schema.